65 people from 20 countries participated. A Volume has been brought out, entitled:

"CONCEPTS OF SPACE: ANCIENT AND MODERN". In 1988, an Exhibition, a Seminar, Workshops and Lectures were organised on the theme of AKARA (Calligraphy). 61 people from India and abroad participated. In 1990 an Exhibition, a Seminar, many preliminary Seminars were organised on the theme of TIME (KALA). This was attended by scientists, philosopher, art-historians etc. 66 persons from India and abroad participated.

In November 1991 an Exhibition, a Seminar, workshops were organised on the Cave Art of India and China and an Exhibition of the reproductions of the murals of Dunhuang (China) Caves was presented. 22 delegates from India, China, Russia, France participated in the Seminar.

In addition to the catalogues on SPACE, AKARA and TIME, the following states of picture postcards based on the collections of the IGNCA have been released:

Indian Pigeons and Doves

Views from Himalayan Mountains

Rock Paintings of Bhimbetka

The Brunner's Paintings

The Indian Pigeons and Doves

The Birds of Paradise

The Calico Painting and Printing

Ancient Architecture in India

The Art of Dunhuang Grottoes.

Sanskrit Schools in Bihar

4195. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sanskrit schools/colleges in Bihar;

(b) the number of such schools and colleges which are recognised by the Boards/ Universities and are conducting examinations for more than five years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit in the country, particularly in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The information is not available in the Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken by the Government include the implementation of schemes for financial assistance to Voluntary Sanskrit Organisations, Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidhyalayas, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan two deemed to be Universities at Tirupati and New Delhi, Rashtriya Veda Vidhya Pratishthan, Preservation of Oral Tradition of Vedic and All-India Elocution Contestant scheme for financial assistance for development of Sanskrit Education to States/ U. Ts. in the country including Bihar.

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Hindi Medium in IRT Diploma Courses

4196. DR. SAKSHIJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Hindi - medium in the diploma